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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES

REF : A. GENEVA 4224; B. GENEVA 2537; C. STATE 91563

1. THE EC HAS INFORMED US THAT VOGEL OF THE FRG, HAS RE-
CONSIDERED AND DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE AS A TAX EXPERT ON
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THE DISC PANELS. (REF. A). VOGEL WAS PART OF A PACKAGE

PROPOSAL BY THE EC THAT THE PANELS BE COMPOSED OF PETER LAI (CHAIRMAN), HUSLID, FALCONER, GOODE AND VOGEL. (REF. B). WE ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF GOODE AND VOGEL. (REF. C). THE EC HAS NOW PROPOSED, INSTEAD OF VOGEL, AS PART OF ITS PROPOSED PACKAGE PANEL, ALFRED PHILIPP, AN OFFICIAL OF THE AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

2. FOR OECD: REQUEST YOUR ASSESMENT OF PHILIPP'S QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A TAX EXPERT MEMBER OF PANELS, INCLUDING HIS VIEWS ON THE DISC, IF KNOWN. FURTHER REQUEST YOU DISCREETLY SOUND OUT OECD SECRETARIAT TO OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING PHILIPP'S QUALIFICATIONS.

3. FOR VIENNA: REQUEST ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CONCERNING PHILIPP'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE AS TAX EXPERT OF PANELS.

4. FOR GENEVA: WE HAD ANTICIPATED THAT THE EC WOULD JOIN WITH US IN REQUEST TO IMF TO PERMIT GOODE TO SERVE S TAX EXPERT MEMBER OF PANELS. EC REP. IN WASHINGTON HAD CONTACTED US IN MAY CONCERNING THIS MATTER, BUT STATED HE WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS AUTHORITIES BEFORE MAKING JOINT REQUEST TO IMF. REQUEST YOU INQUIRE OF EC REP. CONCERNING THE STATUS OF OUR JOINT REQUEST TO IMF CONCERNING GOODE. KISSINGER

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